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For: **LONG-LASTING AQUEOUS
DISPERSIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF
PRESSURE-RESISTANT GAS-FILLED
MICROVESICLES AND METHODS FOR
THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

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PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)

Applicants hereby petition to have action suspended in this application for a period of at least 6 months as provided by Rule 103 and MPEP 709.

Dr. Nenad Tomov, the person responsible for preparing and prosecuting this application in the assignee company, Bracco Reserach S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland, was aboard ill fated Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998 when it crashed; see the attached list of those killed on this flight as published in the New York Times. Dr. Tomov was in fact returning to his home in Geneva following a series of interviews at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31 and September 1, 1998.

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Applicants and those in Switzerland now involved with the prosecution of this application require time to organize and in some cases reconstruct files of the U.S. and other patent applications handled by the late Dr. Tomov. At present efforts are being made to respond to all U.S. applications in which Official Actions or other communications have already been issued.

To the knowledge of the undersigned as of this date there are no outstanding Official Actions or responses required by applicants in this application [see 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a), last sentence].

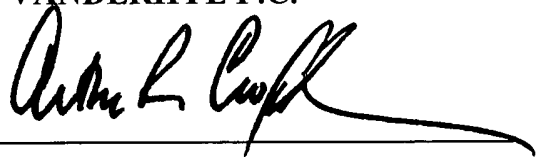
You are hereby authorized to charge any costs or fees associated with this petition [37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)] to deposit account 14-1140.

Considering the unusual circumstances involved, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A List of Those Killed on Swissair Flight 111

Following is a list of the passengers and crew members killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, released last night by the airline. Two of the 215 passengers were not named. Ages or hometowns of the victims were not released.

ABADY, George	COBURN, Richard	JACKMAN, Olivier	MOLINIER, Jean-Philippe	SMITH, Caroline
ABERY, Keith	COLINBARRAND, Thierry	JASAN, Jay	MONAY, N.	SPANNE, Per
ABOUTAAM, Sleiman	COLMERY, Barry	JEGGE, Evelyn	MORERO, JP.	SPANOPOULOU, Eugenia
ABOUTAAM, Suad	COLMERY, Julie	JEGGE, Isabelle	MORERO, M.	SPANOPOULOU, Hóditsev-Plato
ACEVEDO, Ingrid	DANON, Albert	JHURANI, Somesh	MORTIMER, Hilda B.	SPERBER, Julie
AELLEN, Pierre-Andre	DEGRAEF, Maarten	JUNOD, Maryline	MORTIMER, John H.	SPERBER, Thomas
ALBERTSEN, Else	DEMEIRE, Jana	KAISER, Marina	MOSER, Julie	SPRINGER, Hilloyd
ALBERTSEN, Torkild	DEPLEDGE, Caroline	KARAMANOUKIAN, Serge	MOZES, Jean-Max	SPRINGER, Judith
ALLEAUME, Bruno	DEPLEDGE, Jane	KASSEL, James T.	MUNARI, Jaques	STAUFFER, Peter
ALSAUD, Bandar	DEPLEDGE, Micheal	KEFALIDIS, N.	NAPOLI, Phyllis	STAUTER, Robert
AMPOSTA, M.	DEPLEDGE, Norman	KIEF, Kevin	NAVARRO, Yolanda	
BABOLAT, Pierre	DEROUSSAN, Yves	KINDERGEIGER, Klaus	NELSON, Tara	TAHMOUSH, Albert
BACONNIER, Pascal	DIBA, Mahmood	KITSINGER, Eric	NEUWEILER, Adrienne	TAHMOUSH, Odette
BAEUMER, Ludwig	DITCHKUS, L.	KLEIN, Stanley	NEUWEILER, John	THIOUDELLET, Alexandre
BALL, Eudyce	DITCHKUS, M.	KLEINMAN, Karen	NOCETO, Betty	THIOUDELLET, Emmanuel
BALL, Martin	DOMINIGUE, Karen	KLEINMAN, Leonard	NOCETO, Claude	THOMPSON, Ernest
BELL, Patrick W.	DONALDSON, Rhonda	KOHLER, Stephane	OGARA, William	THORENS, Sebastien
BENJAMIN, Jesse	DUMITRU, C.	KOKORUDA, Jean	OMRAN, A.	TOMOV, Nenad
BENJAMIN, Stacey	EZELL, Patricia	KOKORUDA, Robert	PEREAU, Clelia	TOPFGIBSON, Nancy
BENJAMIN, Wahkyn	FETHEROLF, Tara	KREIS, Thomas	PEREAU, Jean-Louis	TSOLLIS, Christós
BENJAMIN, Whitney	FINE, Douglas	KRETSCHMER, Heidi	PEREAU, Joelle	TZAMARIOUDAKI, Maria
	FREVIEW, Maryvonne	LAMOTTA, Joseph	PEREAU, Sylvie	
BILGER, Joachim	FROGHI	LATTIMER, Dario	PERROUD, E.	VILLET, Vincent
BITTENBINDER, Suzanne	FUHRMANN, William	LATTIMER, Don	PINOESCH, Sker	WHITE, Rowennallee
BOLSTERLI, Andrew	GAMBONE, Deborah	LATTIMER, Nancy	PLUMLEIGH, Charlotte	WILCOX, Alex
BOUCHOUT, Geoffroy	GAMBONE, Michael	LEMAITRE, Anne-Laure	PLUMLEIGH, Glen	WILCOX, Petra
BOURE, Faye	GARBOUDES, Amanda	LESAICHOT, Jean-Luc	RAPPAZ, M. Cecile	WILKINS, Monte
BOURE, Rosline	GARBOUDES, Christine	LEVY, Ronny M.	RAPPAZ, Michel	WILLIAMS, Roger
BOVE, Jane	GARBOUDES, Herve	LIBRETTI, Jeffrey M.	RATNAVALE, J.	WILSON, Jonathan
BURCKHARD, Erich	GARBOUDES, Tristan	LUCAS, Anna B.	RATNAVALE, V.	ZENIOS, Marino
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CALVETMASSY, C.	HASTIE, Cheriem	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	ROMANO, Raymond	LOEW, Stephan
CAPPOLA, Maxine	HAUSMAN, Thomas	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	ROSSI, Maurizio	OBERHNSLI, Ren
CARIPIDES, Gabriela	HEWSON, Roberte	MALLIN, Gilda	SALAKHOUTDINOVA, E.	PAZELLER, Seraina
CARIPIDES, Peter	HOCHE, Gabriel	MALLIN, Ralph	SALAMA, Magda	SCHWAB, Peter
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CEGAR, Natasa	HOEL, Anne-Sophie	MARTIN, Joseph	SAUGY, Crystel	WIPRCHTIGER, Brigitte
CHAPMAN, Cauley	HOEL, Francois	MEHRARABANSAMIT, Elahah	SCARBORO, A.	BIRKLE, Raphael
CHAPMAN, Mark	HOEL, Marie-Francoise	MENDO, C.	SCOTT, Matthew	BETRISSEY, Irene
CHATELAIN, Odette	HOEL, Olivia	MILNE, Alma	SCOUAR, N.	CASTIONI, Anne E.
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CHEVEY, Nathalie	HOPCRAFT, Lawrence	MIRALAI, Astrid	SHAW, Stephanie	ZUBER, Florence
CHEVEY, Nicolas	HOPCRAFT, Pauline	MIRALAI, Chantal	SHEER, Diane	EBERHART, Patricia
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		MOLINIER, Francoise	SHUSTER, Stephanie	